RS. M'KINLEY VERY ILL.

President's Mother Suddenly Stricken With Paralysis.

HANCES ARE AGAINST RECOVERY

Can Hardly Last Longer Than a Few Days-Her Son Hastening to Her Bedside.

Canton, Ohio, December 2 .- Mrs. Nancy son McKinley, mother of the president, stricken with paralysis this morning d it is feared her death is only a quesof a short time.

The paralysis is at present of but mild m, but owing to her extreme age, nearly years, Dr. Phillips, the attending phyan, can give but little hope to the fam-

hner McKinley of New York is here for few days, and when his mother was token this morning he immediately commicated with the president by telephone. e latter asked if he would best start at e, to which Abner McKinley replied he would better wait for a further rert from the physician, who would make call in time to advise by 1 o'clock. The ysician reported there was little doubt at the attack would ultimately result in ath, but there is no indication as yet to when the end might come.

Mother McKinley for some time has not n in good health, having suffered from mild form of grippe, but she was able to up and about the house. Wednesday seemed to have materially improved nd her bright and cheerful humor was eschally noted by members of the family. except in the failure of her vocal organs, rs. McKinley shows but little evidence of tralysis. She is in full passession of her ntal faculties, recognizing all the family nd others who see her and taking an inrest in whatever transpires. Her phycal powers up to noon were but little afcted by the paralysis. She was able to ralk to her daughter's room before her ille ess was known and since seems able to andle herself almost as well as usual. Dr. Phillips, when he saw the patien 6 o'clock this evening, said she

ery ill and stood little chance of reovery. It was his opinion that she could nt last longer than a few days. Inquiries concerning the condition of

rs. McKinley are coming from all parts Washington, December 2 .- President

McKinley left the city at 7:30 tonight over he Pennsylvania road to hasten to the dside of his sick mother at Canton, where he will arrive tomorrow. The presilent had made hurried arrangements for als departure and during the afternoon disposed of a large volume of business. His stay at Canton depends upon the edition of his mother.

The Austin Collectorship. Washington, December 2.-(Special.) first Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Van Der Lips said today that in his opinon the collectorship of internal revenue for the Austin district and the collectorship of customs would be disposed of be-fore the holiday recess of congress. Those two appointments will probably answer the question as to who is to be boss in Texas.

CORPUS CHRISTI FIREMEN.

The Anniversary of the Department a Notable Occasion. Corpus Christi, Texas, December 1 .- The wenty-sixth anniversary of the Corp Christi fire department has now passed into history, but is an event long to be cherished in the memory of those who viewed on yesterday one of the grandent and most beautiful displays of artistic decoration ever witnessed in the Bluff City During the 26 years of its existence the Corpus Christi fire department never showed up to greater advantage in all its anniversary celebrations as the parade preented to the eye of the spectator yesterday. For many days and even weeks the fire laddies have been awaiting this event with much patience, and during the last few days the lady friends of the four contesting companies have been hard at work with brain and brawn to try and have their favorite company come out the victors.

During the last week or so the members of the va ous companies have been busily engaged cleaning up and painting their cteaning up and painting ites tus. The members of Pioneer s steam fire engine boys) have nusly at work brightening and he machinery on the steam fire tile the Lene Star book and ladengine, der boy tile the Lene Star hook and lad-have not let "grass grow under." but have also been stealily on their truck. Both Protection heany No. 2 and Security Hose No. 3 have not been saying much tly "sawing wood." Nothing Lut rivalry existed between the four-s, who were contesting for a Lezu-ngraved silver cup, known as a at wor s, who were contesting for a hearigraved silver cup, known as a
up," given by the ladies of the
e most handsomely decorated fire
in the parade. This caused a
sater amount of interest to be
the event, as no cup was ans a prize up to a few days before
of decration becam. Since then
impanies have been untiring in
ris to endeavor to capture the
cup. Those who witnessed yesarade found it a difficult matter
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ter a parade found it a difficult matter to vere clar opinion as to which was the victoric ompany. Many people from the surrour ng country came in to witness this did by and vociferously cheered the fire boy as they passed, the procession moving from the market hall in the follow-

THE PARADE.

Pickwick Bilver Cornet band. Members of Phoneer fire company No. I, in handsome new uniforms, followed by the strum fire engine, drawn by four bay horses. The engine was handsomely decorated with a variety of artificial flowers. On

ated with a variety of artificial flowers. On
the top of the engin was a beautiful fairy
driving a couple of earge butterflies, conmeeted with silk reits, covered with small
flowers. S. Shoemaker, Sr., and J. J.
Boerum were scated on the engine also.
Members of Lone Star hook and ladder
mpany No. I, also im handsome new unipress. The truck was as white as anow,
goopt a little git acattered here and there,
in the truck was little Miss Florence Dulas, sweet as an angel, sitting in a chair
ade of flowers, and above was a large
driven in heimet, made of chrysangin nums.
A span of black horses, with white herpeass, was attached to the truck, which was
driven by Mr. Mike Smith. Massley Cyril
Dunn was standing on a ladder in the rear

Oamara.

Next came the members of Scourity bose company No. 3, in handsome uniforms. The truck represented a "horn of plenty," which reached high into the air and was made of white and bink artificial flowers, and caused much apphause as it passed through the streets. The truck was driven by R. G. Blossman, Jr., and seated behind him was little Miss Marie Jorett, who koked, as several said, "too sweet for any thing."

Members of city council in carriages.

The young lady friends of the department who did the decorating came next in car-

The ladice' auxiliary committee followed them. They were also in a private carhem. They were also in a priage.
Private citizens in carriages.

THE BALL AND SUPPER.

At an early hour after dark a large crowd egan to assemble at market ball, which was handsomely decorated for the occasion. At 8:30 the orchestra struck up the grand march, which announced that the evening's pleasure had begun. There were probably a hundred or more in the grand march, after which the programme was carried out until 12, midnight, when supper was annouced. The supper was something never before equalled at previous celebra-tions and was most heartily partaken of. Chief Dunn then announced the winner of the "trophy cup" in the following few

Ladies and gentlemen: At the request of the judges of the cup contest I announce Protection hose company No. 2 as the win-

mer of the trophy cup."

Much applause followed this announcement, but created no surprise. The darked did not break up until near daylight, all departing for their homes and expressing departing for their homes and expressing that the occasion was the social event of the season and well enjoyed by all. Another celebration will probably be held in the fall in the shape of a hose contest, and the fall in the shape of a hose contest, and several outside companies from various parts of the State will endeavor to wrestle the championship as to hose-'aying from the Corpus Christi fire department, who broke State records at Cuero several broke State records at Cuero several 26.—Mrs. Turner Parker died this norming 26.—Mr

TWO MEN ARE DEAD AND THREE OTHERS FATALLY WOUNDED.

More Bloodshed Is Expected in the Near Future-Other Was Between a Girl's Sweethearts.

Little Rock, Ark., December 2 .- A special to the Gazette from Nashville, Ark.

Details of a terrible street duel at Horatio, in which one man was killed outright and another fatally wounded, reached the sympatly of all. right and another fatally wounded, reached here today. The dead man is Dr. Smith, a prominent practicing physician of that place, and the man thought to be fatally wounded is J. J. Smith, a prominent business man of Horatio, and a brother of the dead doctor.

STOLZ—Brenham, Texas, November 24.

Mr. Frit; Stolz, aged about 21 years, died at the home of his father, Mr. Julius Stolz, at 12 o'clock Tuesday, and was buried at 2 p. m. Wednesday at the Lutheran church at Gay Hill. His malady was dengue. He had been sick about two weeks. He was a man of the sympacty of all. dead doctor.

The killing was done by W. W. Milwee, also of Horatio, one of the wealthlest men

milwee and Dr. Smith met in front of the Locke hotel. Dr. Smith was just emerging from the front door of the batel as Milwee was crossing the street, coming in that direction. Both men quickly drew their weapons and opened fire almost simultaneously. Several shots were exchanged, Smith receiving a wound in the left arm at Milwee's first fire. He continued the battle and only gave up the contest when he sank to the ground dead, with a bullet through his heart.

through his heart.

J. J. Smith came to his brother's assistance just as the fatal bullet was fired and drew his own pistol to fire on Milweel His weapon snapped, however, and Milweel was the brother sent turning his attention to the a bullet crashing through his head. That ended the battle for time being, but there is much excitement over the affair and more bloodshed is constantly expected.

Little Rock, Ark., December 2 .- A three cornered duel took place at a church near Huntaville, Madison county, last night. Seth Lowe, Will Phillips and John Howard, three farmers, were in love with the same girl, Miss Irene Pruett. Miss Pruett went to prayer meeting with Phillips last night and then they met the other two young men. The girl went on into the building while the men repaired a short distance away to discuss the situation. Howard and away to discuss the situation. Howard and Lowe jumped upon Phillips, who pulled a revolver and shot Howard through the body. Before Phillips could cock the pistol a second time Lowe shot him through the small of the back. Phillips shot Lowe, wounding him dangerously in the left shoulder. The fight created a panic in the church. It is said that all three men are fatally injured.

NECROLOGICAL.

SMITH-Temple, Texas, December 1.— Mrs. Sallie Smith, wife of R. T. Smith, died resterday morning from consumption. Her death has been expected for some time, but was none the less a hard blow to her friends and relatives. She was buried this merning at 10 o'clock.

BUNTING-Nacogdoches, Texas, vember 30.—E. Bunting, an aged and respected farmer living ten miles south of town, died of old age at a late hour to-

TURNER-Nacogdoches, Texas, Novem ber 20.—Mr. Walter W. Turner, a worthy soung man, died tonight at the Royal saw mill and will be buried here tomorrow with Masonic honors.

with Maronic honors.

MORELAND—McKinney, Texas, December 1.—J. K. Moreland, an octogenarian and old settler of this county, died Saturday at Altoga, His surviving children are Mrs. M. J. Harvey of Cleburne, J. A., I. T. and T. J. Moreland and Mrs. Mattie Lee of Weatherford.

of Weatherford.

GIPSON-Calvert, Texas, December 2.—
Mr. W. A. Gibson died suddenly this morning of apoplexy. The funeral will be held iomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

MYRICK-A. C. Myrick, a well known citizen of Navasota and a member of the livery firm of Weiker. Myrick & Lintley, died at his residence in this city at 2:10 this morning.

MORROW-Kaulman, Texas, November 29.—Nora Morrow, a young and highly re-

o'dock yesterday morning of diabetes. Her iliness has been of several months' duration and it was thought she was some petter, but Friday evening there was a petter, but Friday evening there was a better, but Friday evening there was a better than the beautiful of the work, from which she never railied and finally (Sunday) the end came as above stated. She will be buried today in the city cemetery.

Burled today in the city cemetery.

RYAN—Fort Worth, Texas, December 1.

News has been received here of the death
of Matthew Ryan, Jr., at Leavenworth,
Kan. Mr. Ryan was one of the leading
cattlemen of the West and had large ranch
interests in Montana and Arizona. He was
well known in Texas and had many friends
in Fort Worth.

HAVGOOD Here

HAYGOOD—Homer, Texas, November 30.—G. W. Haygood, in his 62d year, died on the 26th instant. Mr. Haygood was for two terms assessor of Angelina county; a devoted member of the Baptist church, an old Confederate veteran bearing the scars of many a hard fought battle.

STANLEY—Cleburne, Texas, November 29.—Opie Stanley, son of Mr. Newt Stanley, died yesterday with congestion. He was sick only a few hours.

BONE—Sherman, Texas, November 36.—
J. H. Dilden of Sherman has just received intelligence of the death of his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Bone at San Antonio last Sunday. Mrs. Bone, accompanied by her husband and mother, Mrs. Dilden, left here about two weeks ago for San Antonio overland. The transmission of the same of th nere about two weeks ago for San Antonio overland. The trip was mede in this manner with San Antonio the objective point, hoping that the winter's sojourn in that city would restore to health Mrs. Bone, who has for a long time been a sufferer from consumption. Her remains will be brought here for interment.

GOBBART-Victoria, Texas, December 1. W. J. Gobbart of Hynes' bay, Refugio county, died last night in this city of consumption. He reached here late last night for medical attention, but expired a short while after arriving here. He leaves a wife and four children.

WALLACE-Luling, Texas, November 26, Died—At the family residence in this city at 3.30 a. m., John H. Wallace, aged 59 years. The funeral took place in the city cemetery at 4:30 p. m., Rev. Copeland officiating.

FOSTER-Luling, Texas, November 26. Mre. Elmira Foster died this morning at the residence of her son-in-law, S. C. Or-chard, of Guadslupe county. The inter-

at 2:40 o'clock at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. T. W. Moore, Decided was TWO ARKANSAS FIGHTS daughter, Mrs. 1. Manufacturer were conducted from the residence at 4 p. m.

STAFFORD-Weimar, Texas, November -Mr. Jessee Stafford of LaGrange, Tenu. a brother of Mr. Dan Stafford, a prominent and worthy citizen of this city, came here about two months ago with his wife and two daughters, traveling for his wife's health. She was afflicted with consumption, and died here this morning at the home of Mr. Dan Stafford, her brother-in-law. Her husband and children trave here on the castbound train at 3:28 this even-ing with her remains for their bome in LaGrange, Tenn. During their sejourn at this place they have made many friends, and the father and dear little children have

oung man about 20 years of age.

ORR-Rockdale, Texas, November 28. in the town and a man noted for his fear- an old resident of Rockdale who was one of the surviving veterans of the Mexican war of 1848, and who mingled with the

SMITH—Beeville, Texas. November 29. Hillis Margauritte, the little 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonore Smith, Her death was caused by an at tack of dengue fever, superinduced by a severa cold.

severa cold.

BIBBEE—Snyder, Texas, November 26.
Died, on the 25th instant at 5:30 p. m. In
Snyder, Henry C. Bibbee, very suddenly,
of neuraigia of the beart, dying in convulsions. Mr. Bibbee was one of the leading business men of the town, and leaves
a wife and three children and a host of
friends to mourn his loss. All business
houses are closed, with crepe on the doors.

HEDGCOXE—McKingey. Texas. No-HEDGCOXE-McKinney, Texas, November 28.-R. P. Hedgcoxe, an aged citizen, died yesterday of paralysis and was buried in Pecan Grove comstery in this city. For upwards of fifty years the de-ceased was a prominent west Collin far-

WALRAVEN-Bartlett. Texas, November 28.—Died at his home, four miles west of town, Mr. Henry Walraven, with typhoid fever. He was the father of the three children who died about three weeks ago eight there are only four surviving; namely the mother and three small children

CATTLE QUARANTINE.

which Will Protect All Sections. St. Louis, Mo., December 2 .- A confer-

ence was held here today between the chief of the bureau of animal industry of the agricultura; department and the sanitary boards of Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Wisconsin Ransas and Oklahoma for the purpose of fixing the quarantine lines for 1898 so as to protect all Northern territory without inflicting an unnecessary hardship on Southern States. It is proposed to adopt

Southern States. It is proposed to adopt quarantine regulations that will be just to all interests and to ask the secretary of agriculture to take immediate steps for the prosecution of all violators.

One hundred breeders and live stock dealers from the States named were present when the meeting was called to order. A letter from Secretary of Agriculture Wilson regretting his inability to attend was read and his request was that a full report of the meeting be forwarded to Washington. The session was consumed in selecting committees.

ing committees.

The meeting will probably last two days, it is the first gathering looking to the organization of a National commission to act with the government in protecting the health of live stock in the North.

Doesn't Agree With Sam Jones. Gilmer Mirror.

In Texas next year there will be but one democratic party, and the man who pledges to abide the will of the party and support its nominees will be received in full fel-

Fer Sick Henducke Lee Hornford's Acid Phosphote. It removes the cause by stimulating the section of the stomach, promoting disesMAM'S KIAM'S KIAM'S KIAM'S KIAM'S KIAM More additions to the great New York stocks-stocks of Men's Suits and Overcosts dren's Suits, etc., heaped high on our tables and ready for you to take away, at prices that cannot be named again within the next twelve months.

> Men's Fancy High-Novelty Scotch Plaid All Wool Suits, actual value fully \$10, at very low price..... Fancy Novelty, and Neat Plaid and Check All Wool Suits, Fechheimer, Fishel & Co.'s wholesale price \$10..... The cream and pick of Stein Bloch Co.'s \$15, \$18 and \$20 Suits are positively here at only Fine Blue or Black Kersey Overcoats, well fashioned and tailored,

Fine swell Blue or Black Kersey Overcoats, handsomely fashioned and tailored, priced, expressly for this sale

Fine Blue or Black Kersey Overcoats, well finished and tailored. sale price only......sale price only.....

Boys' Clothing.

Boys' all Wool Knee Pants Suits, reefer style, in sizes 3 to 8, and plain style in sizes 8 to 14, Pants have double knees and seat.......... \$2.00 Boys' all Wool Black, Blue and Fancy Cheviot Suits, in reefer style, 2.70 Boys' fine all Wool Mixed Cheviot Suits, in reefer style, sizes 3 to 8, beautifully made and very stylish, and same materials 2.95 in sizes 8 to 16, Pants have double knees and seat Children's Junior Suits, sizes 3 to 8, in Navy Blue and Black.....

Children's Fancy Mixed and Plain Cheviot | Children's Fancy and Plain Fine Worsted Suits, Eton style with separate Vest, sizes 3 to 8, ten stylish \$3.60 patterns to pick from.

Youths' all Wool, Blue, Black and Fancy Mixed Cheviot Suits, in sizes 14 to 19 years (good chance for small Men), six different patterns..... 10.00

Eton Suits, with separate Vest, nobby, neat and very stylish, sizes 3 to 8.....

Children's Fancy Mixed all Wool Cheviot Junior Suits, choice of 12 styles....

Store Open 'til 9 at Night.

1000 pairs Boys' all Wool Knee Pants (Mrs. Jane Hopkin's make), Light and Dark patterns, in sizes 3 to 16, your choice of any in the lot, 50c pair.

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Mammoth Clothier.

RELIGIOUS.

lessness and bravery.

The tragedy was the culmination of a feet the prominence of the parties it is believed the prominence of the parties it is believed that the prominence of the parties it is believed that more blood will be shed before the affair more blood will be shed before the affair lis finally settled. Milwee and Dr. Smith less being conducted by the Kaushts of were mortal enemies and had threatened to kill each other on sight. Both men had records for fearlessness and both carried from the least in the least interest in the least in western university, J. R. Allen; editor Christian Advocate, T. R. Pierce; student

Southwestern university, C. W. Dennis. Terrell district—M. H. Neely presiding elder; Terrell station, E. H. Casey; Kaufman station, W. B. Patterson; Rockwall station, C. E. Lamb; Fate, W. A. Edwards; gration, C. E. Lamb; Fate, W. A. Edwards; Renner, P. A. Edwards; Garland, D. F. Fuller; Wylle, W. K. Strother; Mesquite, J. B. Minnis; Reinhardt, T. B. Forwood; Forney, T. J. Beckham; Chisholm, D. T. Brown; Terrell circuit, C. C. Davis; Kemp, A. R. Nash; Crandall, N. C. Idttle. Greenville district—I. S. Ashburn, presid-

Greenville district—I. S. Ashburn, presiding eider; Greenville, Wesley church, F. A. Rosser; Kavanaugh, J. F. Pierce; Farmeraville, S. A. Ashburn; Weston, B. H. Bounds and G. W. Day; Bethel, G. W. Miller; Merit, J. B. Adair; Nevada and Josephine, J. M. Nichols; Princeton, H. M. Pirtle; McKinney, J. W. Hill; Floyd, C. W. Gisnville; Blue Ridge, Joel S. Graves; Kingaton, R. H. Fields; Allen, D. L. Ball; Quinfan, J. M. Langston, Neola, C. A. Carry; Lone Oak, J. H. White; White Rock, C. L. Ballard; I. S. Ashburn, conference missionary secretary.

ence missionary secretary.

Sulphur Springs district—C. B. Fladger, presiding elder; Sulphur Springs, J. M. Sweeton; Rylie Springs, B. H. Webster; Sulphur Bluff, B. A. Thomason; Mount Vernon, J. W. Clefton; Commerce, E. B. Thomason; Commerce, E. B. Thomason; Commerced J. E. Roach; Ben

Prauklin L L Naugie; Parile, J. T. Bludworth; Campbell, J. W. Beckham; Cumby, W. T. Morrow; Winsboro, O. C. Fontaine; Como, J. W. Hunter; Wolf City, N. B. Reed; Celesto and Lane, M. A. Smith and William Hay, supernumerary; Leonard, S. M. Ownby; County Line, to be supplied. Paris district—W. D. Mountoastle, presiding elder; Paris Centenary, J. A. black; Lamar avenue, J. J. Clark; Emerson, S. Crutchfield; Roxton, George H. Adams; Blossom and Reno, R. C. Hicks; Marvin, R. S. Gorseline; Rosalie, W. A. Coppedge; Depert, R. W. Brown; Woodland, J. P. Roger; Detroit, P. R. Eaglebarger; Clarksville, J. M. Peterson; Annona, J. L. Sullivan; White Rock and McKenzle, W. H. Wright; Lake Creek, P. G. Huffman; Maxey, J. A. Old; Powderly, W. G. Oz-

H. Wright: Lake Creek, P. G. Huffman; Maxey, J. A. Old; Powderly, W. G. Ozment; Bagwell, R. L. McIniyre,
Bonham district, I. W. Clark presiding cider—Bonham station, C. W. Theadgill; Bailey, W. B. Baytir; Ector, J. B. Gover; South Bonham, W. H. Wages; Gober, A. H. Hustey; Dodd and Windom, Samuel Weaver; Honey Grove, J. E. Vincent; Petty, W. H. Brown; White Rock, Zora B. Pirtle; Ladonia, O. S. Thomas; Brookston, J. F. Archer, Randolph, J. D. Hudgins; Trenton and Marvin, W. J. Bloodworth; Lannius, W. F. Bryen; Fannin, W. R. McCarter; M. P. Hines, student at South-western university.

McCarter; M. P. Hines, student at Southwestern university.
Sherman district, J. R. Wages presiding elder-Sherman, Travis street, E. W. Alderson; Willow street, C. H. Govett; Sherman circuit, E. S. Willisms; Belis, E. L. Scurlock; Van Alstyne, A. P. Hudnix; Deniton, J. A. Stafford; Denison mission, M. D. Hill; Pottaboro and Preston, I. A. Thomas; Gordonville, M. M. Dunn; Collinaville, C. B. Carter; Whiteshoro station, S. G. Riddle; Whiteshoro circuit, I. M. Woodward; Pilot Point, T. J. Minnis; Whitewright, J. F. Alderson; Hows, A. W. Gibson; Gunter, to be supplied.

Gaincaville district, J. M. Binkley, presiding elder-Gainsville, Denton street, J. L. Merria; Broadway, W. A. Stuckey; Norma, G. F. Beyd; Pilot Paint, P. L. Smith; Dez-

ter and Woodbine, W. M. Robbins and R. F. Bryant; Marysville, E. G. Roberts; Era and Valley View, W. E. Jordan and M. C. NORTHWEST TEXAS APPOINTMENTS.

Dallas, Texas, November 29.—The following are the appointments for the Northwest
Texas conference for the coming year:
Dallas district—J. H. McLean, presiding elder: Pirst church, G. C. Rankin; Ervay street, L. P. Smith; Haskell avenue, J. H. Crutchfield; Greenwood, J. W. Tucker.

Reynolds: Floyd street, C. L. McWhitzer:

Beynolds: Floyd street, C. L. McWhitzer:

And Valley View, W. E. Jordan and M. C. Backburn supernumerary; Rossion, J. R. Smith; Bonita and Hillinois, S. P. Pirtle; Sanger, J. W. Blackburn; Aubrey, W. T. Harris; Mountain Springs, L. F. Palmer; Belcher and Spanish Fort, W. C. Pryor and T. N. Weaks; St. Jo and Dyc Mound, J. C. Weaver; Montague, D. A. Williams; Horizon, G. C. Rankin; Ervay Horizon, G. C. Weaver; Montague, D. A. Williams; Horizon, G. C. Rankin; Ervay Horizon, G. C. Weaver; Montague, D. A. Williams; Horizon, G. C. Rankin; Ervay Horizon, G. C. Rankin; Ervay Horizon, G. C. Weaver; Montague, D. A. Williams; Horizon, G. C. Rankin; Ervay Horizon, G. C. Weaver; Montague, D. A. Williams; Horizon, G. C. Rankin; Ervay Horizon, G. C. Rankin; Ervay

day, E. R. Edwards: Archer City, Atticus Webb; Blue Grove, C. C. Williams: Jacks-boro and Gibtown, John Moore and D. H. Ashton; Bryson and Salt Hill, J. R. Ray. presiding presiding by KaufRockwall Edwards; id. D. F. Fuller, F. A. Rosser, J. M. Sweeton, R. W. Brown, J. B. Gober, A. F. Hendrix, P. L. Smith and H. E. Smith; lay members, B. M. Burgher, C. G. Jordan, J. A. Weaver, James Church, J. T. Webster, C. B. Jennings, H. N. Tuck, W. J. Stone and J. H. Matthews.

Transferred—J. H. Bass to the Indian mission conference stationed of Line of the Conference stationed of the Conference statione

Transferred—J. H. Bass to the Indian mission conference, stationed at Linn circuit; W. M. P. Rippey to the Denver conference and stationed at St. Paul's church Denver; M. W. Shearer to the Indian mission conference; J. B. Wood to the North west Texas conference, stationed at Thurber; T. P. Pipkin to the West Texas conference, stationed at Utopla.

A BAPTIST COMBINATION.

Educational Institutions Are to Be Federated with Baylor, Dallas, Texas, December 1.—The educa-Dallas, Texas, December 1.—The educational commission of the recent Baotist convention met in Dellas today with Dr. J. B. Gambrell, late of Waco, presiding and about forty ministers in attendance. The object of the meeting was to federate all the Baptist educational institutions in the State with Baylor universitable in the State with Baylor universitable. It their head. This work was accomplished by a harmonizing of all dissenting influences. After this a meeting of the Baptist State board of missions was held. The work of providing for the raising of \$50,000 for missionary purposes was begun and is succeeding, according to report, admirably, Coionel C. C. Slaughter of Dallas was chosen president of the board. Rev. L. D. Lamkin of Houston is among the visiting ministers.

Austin Conference.

Dalias, Texas, December 2.—The twenty-first annual session of the Austin conference, Methodist Episcopal church (North) met in Dalias today with Bishop W. F. Mallien of Marbie Palis, Mass., presiding and about forty ministers in attendance.

The conference was opened with an observance oft be Lord's Supper, which was made a very impressive service.

Rev. W. A. Cooper of Denison was elected secretary, T. H. Corkill of Dalias statistical secretary, and J. L. Preemed of Gainesville treasurer.

The characters of Rev. O. E. Glander, presiding elder of the Austin district (Swedish); Dr. A. P. Morrison, p residing elder of the Fort Worth district, and Rev. R. L. Zelle, presiding elder of the Waco district were passed and they made their reports, which showed that the church had enjoyed great prosperity during the year. Dallas, Texas, December 2.—The twent;

Year.

A routine business session was held this afternoon, followed by a sermon this evening. The conference lasts four days.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

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HYMENEAL.

CAMPBELL-HAUSER-Hempstead, Texas. November 28.—Mr. Archie Campbell and Miss Lula Hauser, a popular young coupte, surprised their parents and friends by an impromptu marriage. At 3:30 o'clock yeaterday evening the couple repaired to the parior of Mr. H. Galefski, whose chie clerk Mr. Campbell is, sent for Rev. Hitchthe knot was tied. Both the groom and bride are deservedly popular, and no obthe parents of either party, but the pair saw fit to get married in this tanner, and they have the best wishes of the entire

ARTIS-LAYDEN-Hearne, Texas, No. vember 25.—Quite a surprise was given the people of Hearne this morning when it became known that Miss Bridget Layden and Mr. Tom Artis were miletly ma red i Franklin last night. Parental objection had been raised, and the young coupl bearded a freight train for Franklin, where they procured the license, and in a very short time afterwards were made husban

WILKINS-MEEKINS - Austin. Texas November 36.—On Monday, November 29, 1897, at the residence of the bride's parents, at Rockdale, Texas, by the Rt. Rev. G. H. Kinsolving, D.D. A. H. Wilkins and Ella B. Meckins.

WILKERSON-DAWSON-Edgar, Texas, WILKERSON-DAWSON-Edgar, Texas, November 27.—Married, at the residence of the bride's parents, November 23, Miss Al. lie Dawson to Mr. W. W. Wilkerson, the Rev. Mr. McCurty of Cuero officiating. The marriage was a quiet affair, with only a few intimate friends and relatives present, Mr. Wilkerson is an energetic young man. and well worthy the bride, who is a grad-uate of the blind institute of Austin.

HOLLOMAN - McCLELLAND - Lak HOLLOMAN - McCLELLAND - Lake Charles, La., December 1.—Mr. John B. Holloman and Miss Myrtle McClelland were married last evening at the residence of the bride's parents, in this city. Mr. Holloman is a prominent young merchant of Alexandria and Miss McClelland is one of Lake Charles' fairest daughters. The young couple left on the evening train for Alexandria, where they will reside in the future ARMSTRONG-ACRY-Alto, Texas.

ARMSTRONG-ACRY—Alto, Texas, November 29—Wilbur D. Armstrong and Miss Leona Acry were married yesterday afternoon at 3:30 at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abber Acry. Rev. W. L. Pate officiating.

BRUNT-BLANTON—Alto, Texas, November 29.—Ernest Brunt and Miss Cynthia Blanton were married at the residence of the bride's parents, six miles east of this place yesterday at 3 o'cluck p. m., C. M. Noell, Esq., officiating.

ASHLEY-KIMBERLY—Luling. Texas, December 1.—At the Christian church in this city at 2 p. m. Mr. H. D. Ashiey and Mics Ada Kimberly were married, Rev. O. S. Kimberly, father of the bride, officiating. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens and pot plants and the music was superb. The young bride and groom will make San Antonio their future home.

DARST-RANSOM—Richmond, Texas, De-

and groom will make San Antonio the future home.

DARST-RANSOM—Richmond, Texas December 1.—Mr. Robert H. Darst and Mis Pearle Ransom were quietly married a the residence of the bride's mother, in the city, last night at 7 o'clock. Only the immediate friends of the family were present. The groom is one of the most aubstantial citizens of the county and high esteemed, while the bride is one of Follend's fairest young women and is generally beloved.

PARMER WINSTON—Richmond Three

terday in a buggy and were married. The bride is a daughter of Dr. P. H. Hayle, who with his family, were preparing to leave tonight for Henrietta, where they are to reside, and the marriage was a sur-

MILLER-DUNCAN-Georgetown, Texas November 30.—Mr. Sam Miller, a prond-nent young farmer living near Rock House, and Miss Maria Duncan were married het night at the residence of the bride's father. Both the bride and groom are very popular in the community where they live.

GILMORE-BORNE-Waco, Texas, December 1.—Mr. D. B. Gilmore and Miss Myrtle Borne of Moody were married in this place yesterday and returned to Moody today. The groom is a son of James Gilmore, postmaster at Moody, and Miss Borne is one of the leading society belies of the growing little city. orning when it be- of that growing little city.

Berlin, December 3 .- It is stated on authority that the announcement made by procity negotiations between Joan A. Kanson, the United States reciprocity commissioner, and Baron von Thielmann, the secretary of the imperial treasury, neve teen without results is baseless. It is edded that no such negotiations have been conducted.

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